



LARC



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President's Message

Well, the end of the year is upon us, seems like it went by really fast, must be my old age has something to do it! The older you get, the more effect gravity and time has upon a body.

Our Christmas Banquet will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the Red Cross Building at 6:00 PM. The Club will furnish Turkey and party size Boudin links and soft drinks, members are asked to bring some kind of covered dish. It will be mostly a social event, no VE Testing, no business other than a presentation of the award to Paula Romero KF5CNS for her completing her log for the Technician Contest before anyone else.

I would like to commend Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP for his interest in taking on some of the duties of helping out in our Hamfest coming up in March 2012. He has some great ideas in making it one of our best by lining up some new vendors, making schedules for forums, etc.

Also, at the November meeting, a nominating committee for new officers were appointed. If you have any ideas of any perspective officers, contact Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD (chairperson) Sandy KE5KJF, Paul K5VSH, or Nick KE5MWX but do talk to the perspective person in advance and get their OK. The committee will announce their findings at the January meeting and published in the February LARC. At the February meeting, nominations from the floor will be selected, elections held and the new officers will be installed at the March meeting (the Saturday after the Hamfest).

If you have not paid your 2012-2013 membership dues, it is time to do so. A membership form can be downloaded and printed out from the club website (<http://www.w5ddl.org>) click on the "Membership Application" link. Make sure you have your current e-mail address and birthday on the form. Everyone is required to fill out a application!

The December 1st meeting will be last meeting of the year. It has been a fun year but next year it could be even more fun, so I ask you to do your part, get more active! You can do this by attending the meetings, express your views, check in on the nets, Elmer to those needing help, and volunteer to be a part of any of the events that come up....it can be FUN!

Until Next Year 73!

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President



New 60 Meter Band Rules and Regulations

On November 18, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O), defining new rules for the 60 meter (5 MHz) band. These rules are in response to a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) filed by the ARRL more than five years ago and a June 2010 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). In the R&O, the FCC replaced one of the channels in the band, increased the maximum authorized power amateur stations may transmit in this band and authorized amateur stations to transmit three additional emission designators in the five channels in the 5330.6-5406.4 kHz band (60 meters).

The Amateur Radio Service in the United States has a secondary allocation on 60 meters. Only those amateurs who hold General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class licenses may operate on this band.

Amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to -- and must accept interference from -- stations authorized by any administration in the fixed service, as well as mobile (except aeronautical mobile) stations authorized by the administrations of other countries.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE CHANGES HAVE NOT YET TAKEN EFFECT. These new rules will take effect 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register. The ARRL will announce on its website when the rules are published. Additional information can currently be found on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-releases-new-rules-for-60-meters>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday December 1st @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat
St. Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden ARA, Minden, LA Dec 17th
Minden City Hall, Minden, LA

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only
1:00 PM

AARA OFFICERS 2011-2012

President - Herman Campbell

KN5GRK

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Vice Pres. - Archie Hill W5AG

Secretary - Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF

Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS

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November VE Test Session Results

The November 2011 VE Test results are as follows:

Henry D. Ellis K5HDE of Brusly, LA upgraded to Extra.

Adam M. Guichard of Lafayette, LA received Technician license KF5NHD

VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH

Rick Breaux N5RLM

Greg Dolan K5LFT

Archie Hill W5AG

VE testing takes place at 6:00 PM prior to the AARA General Meeting which takes place at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month.

NO VE TESTING AT THE DECEMBER MEETING!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/08 FRED	KE5LP
12/09 ROLAND	NA5Q
12/10 LOUIS	KE5GLB
12/11 PAT	ND5C
12/15 NICK	KE5MWX
12/23 BUTCH	K5GLD
12/29 DAVID	KC5DPL
1/01 NICK	K5QXJ
1/05 ARCHIE	W5AG

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

Farewell to Mickey

On November 18, ballots were counted in the races for Director in the Atlantic, Delta and Midwest Divisions. This year, there were only three contested races for Director or Vice Director in the five Divisions holding elections. In the Delta Division, Vice Director David Norris, K5UZ, defeated Director Mickey Cox, K5MC, for the top slot in that Division.

We would like to say THANK YOU to Mickey for all of the hard work he has done for the Delta Division over the last three years.



December 2011 Special Events & Contests

- Nov 26 - Dec 17** **W9O** - Louisville Astronomical Society Club Station, Louisville, KY. 50th Anniversary launch of Oscar 1 Ham sat. 14.260, 14.030, 7.245, 7.030
- Dec 3 - 4** **WR4BC** - Barrow Amateur Radio Club, Bethlehem GA. 2nd annual Bethlehem Christmas Special Event Station. 28.465 14.265, 7.265, 3.875
- Dec 7** **W5KID** - Baton Rouge and USS Kidd Amateur Radio Clubs. Baton Rouge, LA Pearl Harbor Day 20 m and 40 m bands.
- Dec 10** **W4WDW** - Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service, Orlando, FL. Walt Disney 110th Birthday 28.360, 14.260, 7.260
- Dec 31 - Jan 1** **K1R** - 72 Rag Chew Group. Northfield, MA. New Years Special Event. 7.272, 7.271.
- You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the December 2011 issue of QST on page 96 and 97.**

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2011 SKYWARN™ Recognition Day

December 3, 2011, from 0000z to 2400z



SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN™ radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN™ operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

* It's official, the 2011 edition of SKYWARN Recognition Day will occur on December 3, 2011 from 0000Z-2400Z.

Check out this website for schedules and participating National Weather Service stations that will be operating on the air. EchoLink & IRLP modes will be used. They will be issuing some nice QSL cards and certificates to participating ham radio operators making contacts.

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>

Also, this may be a good time for the Lafayette Parish EOC to check out the HF equipment and antennas along with introducing those who have shown interest in being given a tour of the EOC facilities. Ed Roy WA5TNK is the Lafayette Parish Emergency Coordinator and if you are interested in being shown around the facilities, drop him a e-mail at: edroy@edroy.com

Paul Breaux Middle School Radio Club

On Thursday November 10, 2011 at 2:30 PM, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Archie Hill W5AG and Herman Campbell KN5GRK paid another visit to Mrs. Terry Turners class to conduct a demonstration of sending and receiving formal NTS Radiograms to their Radio Club members. Archie made a layout on the blackboard of the NTS form and explained what each part of the header, addressee, text body, and signature meant and why Radiograms are necessary during times when all other means of communication fail. A prepared message was sent to the students to be copied on their blank forms. A student volunteered to copy another message on the blackboard form that was sent to him from down the hall on 2 meter simplex via handi-talkie by Mrs. Turner KF5FYW.

I think we are probably going to get some new hams from this group in the near future. This is one energetic club that cannot wait for their next meeting.

Herman KN5GRK



Minden Amateur Radio Association - Hamfest 2011

DATE: Saturday December 17, 2011

TIME: 8:00AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Minden City Hall located on 520 Broadway St, Minden, LA.

ADMISSION: \$5.00 each

SWAP TABLES: \$5 per table for those who wish to sell merchandise.

TALK-IN: 147.300 PL 186.2

VE TESTING: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon - All Classes



MAIN PRIZES

1st: FT-450D HF + 50 MHz

2nd: MFJ 259B Ant. Analyzer

3rd: FT-1900R 2 meter mobile
Drawings @ 2:00 PM

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

VENDORS

Main Trading Company

Palmetto Antennas, LLC

The SignMan of Baton Rouge

GLA Systems - Henry Allen

WEBSITE:

<http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm>

AARA 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Now is the time to send in your membership dues for the up-coming year. You can download a application for new/renewal form in .PDF Adobe Acrobat at: <http://www.w5ddl.org>. (Click on the "Membership Application" link.) Download and fill out the application and send it in. Please support our local club by becoming or remaining a member. This is your club and participation is needed to keep the club viable in the community!

November 2011 AARA MEETING MINUTES November 3, 2011

CLUB MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by the President Herman KN5GRK.
- The opening prayer was led by Herman KN5GRK.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- There were 20 members in attendance and 2 visitors.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts.

Minutes: The October minutes were not read as they were posted in the November LARC and approved.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was read by Joy Breaux, N5YCS. On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Danny Griffith K5ARH, the Financial Report was approved as read. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC. Any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK and Nick Pugh K5QXJ went to Paul Breaux Middle School and met with their Radio Club to do a "Fox Hunt". The students loved the hunt and had a great time finding the fox.

Old Business

Amos: Archie Hill W5AG, reported that he will order the antenna tuner and purchase 2 tires for Amos. Jess Gillion KF5LUL, asked for the measurements of the tires. He may have some.

Tour du Teche: Chairpersons Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Nick Pugh K5QJX, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, gave a report on the Tour du Teche Canoe race. Volunteers, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, in Arnaudville; George Donaldson AK2Q, in Breaux Bridge; Archie Hill W5AG in St. Martinville; Nick Pugh K5QXJ in New Iberia and Patterson; Galen Wilson KF5BET and Abbi Wilson KF5BEW in Charenton; Jess Gillion KF5LUL and his daughter in Franklin; and John Cuniff W4JHC in Berwick; the "Crawfish Hole" in Breaux Bridge manned by Larry LeBlanc KE5KFD; Andre LeBlanc KF5LGN, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF; and Herman Campbell KN5GRK on the 146.80 Lafayette machine gave comments and recommendations for next year. The main recommendation was to have more volunteers to help with the long hours. Also, it was recommended that there be a "Drop Out" system of notification, and a boat behind the final canoe.

Feedback from Nicole Patin, Executive Director, was excellent. The reporting system went very "smooth". All of the check points mentioned how much better it was than last year.

Technician Contest: Herman, KN5GRK, mentioned that the Technician Contest started September 1st. Paula Romero KF5CNS, won the contest. Her award will be given at the Christmas Banquet. Other technicians can complete the contest and receive a certificate of completion.

147.040 Repeater Update: It was reported that Karl Fontenot KRVS, has no news as yet when the 147.040 Repeater will be on line.

Ed Roy is having trouble with his signal at the EOC. It was recommended that they check the SWR on all the transmitters.

Cajun Cup: Jess Gillion KF5LUL, mentioned that the race will be on November 12th. He could use a couple more volunteers.

There are several events coming up this year in which we can participate:

Boy Scout Winter Camp – Archie Hill W5AG and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, will bring the antenna trailer to help with a Communications badge. This will be a 4 day class and more volunteers are needed. Classes are at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Hamfest 2012 – Herman Campbell KN5GRK, will serve as Chairman temporarily. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, will help out. We have received a letter of approval from the ARRL. They asked that the ARRL logo be on all publications and be displayed at the event. Also, we plan to have a Special Event on Hamfest location. Year 2012 will be 200 years of Louisiana statehood and 100 years for adopting the state flag. Hopefully we can get K5LSA (Louisiana Special Anniversary). We will need volunteers to man the station.

Roland Guidry NA5Q, will be contacted for the task list.

New Business

Nominating Committee for Club Officers: Chairperson Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, members: Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, and Paul Scallan K5VSH. A slate of officers by the committee will be presented at the January meeting and published in the February LARC. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the February meeting and the election held. The new officers will be installed at the Saturday Hamfest Banquet meeting in March after the Hamfest.

Christmas Banquet: December 1st will be the Christmas Banquet. The Club will provide party boudin links, turkey and soft drinks. Members are asked to bring some kind of "covered dish" There will be no testing.

Galen Wilson KF5BET, asked that all pictures for the LARC be resized to 640x480.

Joy Breaux N5YCS, will provide us with a new refreshment list.

Bring door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary

AARA December General Meeting - December 1, 2011 @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA. NO VE TESTING AT THIS MEETING!

NOVEMBER 2011 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	21	-	60	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	39	2	97	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	5	17	Ø	55	N5LRZ Ray
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 7 / G 4	Ø	21	KE5KJD Larry

“and the angel said to them, ‘do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is the Christ the Lord.’”

~Luke 2:10-11

Cajun Cup



There were over 1500 runners who participated in the **31st Annual Cajun Cup** this year.

AARA members once again provided communications for the event with volunteers stationed at each mile marker and at the start and finish lines.

Thanks to Jess Gillion KF5LUL, for being the chairman this year. Jess did a fine job of coordinating the placement of the volunteers. Thanks also to Larry and Sandy for bringing the doughnuts.

The volunteers for the race were: Jess KF5LUL, Archie W5AG, John W4JHC, Larry KE5KJD, Sandy KE5KJF, Abbi KF5BEW, Herman KN5GRK, Mark KF5ENE and Galen KF5BET.

BOY SCOUT WINTER CAMP



Our club was again asked to help out with the Boy Scout Winter Camp this year that took place on November 19th thru 22nd at Mountain Bayou Lake near Chicot State Park. Archie W5AG and Glen KF5FNP taught sessions to help the scouts earn Communication Merit badges. One of the electronics instructors, Pat Castille KF5IBT from New Iberia, has had his general ticket for over a year and had never made a contact before. We helped him make his first contact, it was on 17 meters with Charlie KD8OSB in MI. Local Hams that came up on 2M and HF freqs, so the Boy Scouts could make contacts to pass the class that Archie gave were: Nick Romero KE5MWX, Arnold Lemaire KE5JXC, Craig Parsley KI5VO, James Faulk KF5AHM and Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

THANKS - A - BUNCH

The AARA would like to extend our “THANKS” to the following for making the LARC available to our Amateur Radio Friends.

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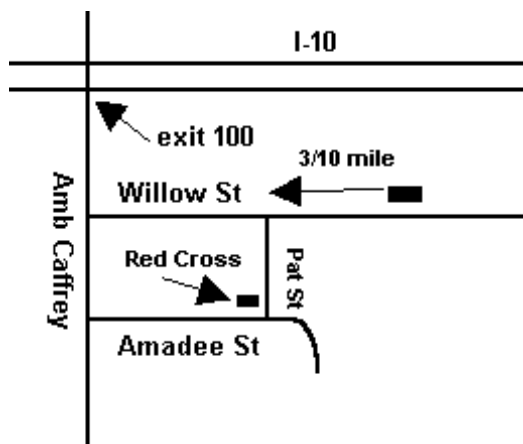
Thanks to Captain August Pillsbury for letting us use their copy machine at the Salvation Army office to print the 25 11”x17” copies of the LARC.

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Galen Wilson KF5BET for taking his time to put the articles together and making it one of the best amateur radio newsletters in the state.



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AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, December 1st, 2011 - 6:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups Mashed Yams
1 cup Liquid, reserved from the yams
1 Medium apple chopped
1/2 cup milk
1 tbsp vanilla

Topping
1 cup sugar
1 tbsp Cinnamon
1/2 cup Flour
1 cup Brown sugar
1/4 cup Margarine
1/2 cup Pecans
Miniature marshmallows

Combine first four ingredients and place in a 9"x13" baking dish. Combine flour, cinnamon, sugar, brown sugar, margarine and pecans. Sprinkle over yams and bake 30 minutes in a 350 degree F oven. Remove and cover with marshmallows and place in oven until light brown.

Goes great with that Christmas Ham!

Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET
galenw@cox.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:
ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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